Welfare scheme for tribal population

849. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal population in the country;

(b) the schemes launched for the welfare of the tribal population to improve their living conditions alongwith the financial allocation so far;

(c) whether these schemes are successful in improving their living conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The tribal population of the country, as per the 1991 census, is 67.76 million, constituting 8.08% of the total population.

(b) The various schemes launched for the welfare of the tribal population are enlisted in the Statement enclosed herewith. (See below) The total actual expenditure during Ninth Plan Period was Rs. 3387.26 crores and the financial allocation for the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 are Rs. 1090.00 crores and Rs. 1087.00 crores respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, the above schemes have been successful in improving the living condition of the tribal population. The percentage of Scheduled Tribes population living below poverty line has come down from 50.8% in 1993-94 to 44.6% in 1999-2000.

Statement

Various Schemes for the Welfare of Tribal population

SI.No.	Name of the Scheme/Project/Programme
1	2
1.	SCA to Tribal Sub Plan Article
2.	275(1) of the Constitution Post-
3.	Matric Scholarship Grils Hostel for
4.	STs Boys Hostel for STs
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6.	Supporting project of All-India or Inter-State
7.	Price support to TRIFED
8.	Research & Training
9.	Educational Complex
10.	Vocational Training in Tribal Areas
11.	Grant in aid to S.T.D./C.Cs.
12.	Assistance to Vol. Organisations
13.	Village Grain Banks scheme
14.	Dev. Of Primitive Tribal Groups
15.	Coaching and Allied
16.	Book Bank
17.	Upgradation of Merit
18.	National Institute of Tribal Affairs
19.	Ashram Schools in T.S.P Areas
20.	Lumpsum Prov. For North East
21.	Information & Mass Media
22.	Special Incentive of NGOs
23.	Exchange of visits by Tribals
24.	State Tribal Dev. Corporation
25.	Investment in TRIFED
26.	National ST Fin. & Dev. Corporaiton
27.	Rehab. Of Displaced Tribal Families

Non-utilization of tribal funds

850. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for the scholarships to the tribal students, vocational training schools, tribal student hostels and other tribal plan assistance are not utilised; and